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CALENDAR

21 Oct Wing Conference Banquet — Charleston
11 Nov Wing Cadet Competition — Gassaway
17-19 Nov Regional SAREX — Bluefield
15-17 Dec Regional SAREX — Morgantown
12-21 Jan Wing Wide SAREX— Petersburg
9-11 Feb Flight Clinic — Parkersburg
9-18 Mar Wing Wide SAREX — Clarksburg
13-15 Apr National Standards Check Pilot School— Clarksburg
27 Apr / May 6 Wing Wide SAREX — Petersburg
18-21 May Graded SAREX — Clarksburg

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West Virginia Wing helps National Guard open house run smoothly

By Major Debbie Boggs
Director of Cadet Programs

When the West Virginia Air National Guard held an open house recently at the 130th Airlift Wing in Charleston, W.Va., 46 cadets and senior officers from seven units in the West Virginia Wing were out in force to lend a hand. For weeks before the event, CAP project officers, Major Debbie Boggs, wing director of Cadet Programs, and Mid Valley Squadron Commander Capt Bill Motsinger, attended weekly committee meetings at the 130th's headquarters. During the event, units from Beckley Composite, Boone Composite Charleston Cadet, Clarksburg Composite, Martinsburg Composite, Mid Valley Composite, and Parkersburg Composite Squadrons parked cars and directed traffic, controlled the flight

through a car show, and talked to visitors at the Wing's Drug Demand Reduction and Recruiting Booths. Visitors were also allowed to try to drive remote-controlled cars or scooter on an obstacle course while wearing fatal vision goggles, which simulated alcohol consumption's impact on vision. Four unit commanders, attended and worked along side their members. Wing Commander Col Rodney

Moore, and Wing Chief of Staff Lt Col Dennis Barron hobnobbed with the brass talking about CAP's assets and capabilities. Besides helping out, members of the Wing were able to see many military displays. The Wing also displayed its newest C182 glass cockpit aircraft. All feedback from the Air National Guard members were extremely positive. One told a CAP member "I no idea that CAP was so big in West Virginia."



C/Capt. Justin Ross watching open house visitor attempt scooter course with Fatal Vision Goggles at Open House DDR Booth.
Photo by Vicki Bond—Charleston Cadet Squadron

West Virginia Wing holds joint SAREX with National Capitol Wing

**By Lt Col Eugene Thorn
Wing Vice Commander**

West Virginia Wing held a joint SAREX with National Capitol Wing during the weekend of 15-17 September.

Squadrons which included members from Clarksburg, Martinsburg, Mid Valley-Potomac Highlands, Parkersburg, Charleston, Beckley, Morgantown, and Wing Staff sent a total of 50 air and ground crews to the mission.

In addition, National Capitol Wing sent 18 members including their Wing Com-

mander. The mission was held at Grant County Airport (W-99) at Petersburg, W.Va. It was hosted by members of the Potomac Highlands Squadron.

In what may well be a first in Civil Air Patrol, both the West Virginia Wing Commander, Col Rodney Moore, and National Capitol Wing Commander, Col Jane Davies were members of the ground teams.

Although the weather on September 16 made air operation difficult, there were many ground sorties with the ground teams being made up



of cadets and seniors from both wings.

The weather got better on September 17, and there was a lot of flight activities for the seniors from both wings, and more ground sorties. An old fashioned wiener roast was held, and everyone seemed to enjoy the activity.

I would like to thank all those who participated. A special thanks is in order to Captains Tom and Lynn Hoffmann for their hard work in making the mission work out so well.

Both the West Virginia Wing Commander, Col Rodney Moore, and National Capitol Wing Commander, Col Jane Davies were members of the ground teams.



A special thanks also to the members of the Potomac Highlands Squadron, and especially their squadron commander and the FBO, Larry Stahl and his wife, Joan for making our stay at the airport one of the most enjoyable missions we have had in a long time.

***Photos by Lt Russell Voelker—Martinsburg Composite Sqdn
Public Affairs Officer***



Long time member Claude G. “Gordy” Hess passes away

By Lt Col Eugene Thorn
Wing Vice Commander

A long time member of the Clarksburg Composite Squadron passed away on August 19.

Clarksburg Composite Squadron performed Honor Guard beside his casket, and a memorial fly over at the West Virginia National Cemetery in Pruntytown, W.Va was conducted at burial.

A former member of the U.S.

Marine Corps, and the U.S. Air Force serving from the time he was 19 years old until just shortly before he died.

Gordy was instrumental in the building of the Clarksburg Squadron Headquarters, by a substantial loan of money in order to get the project started.

Gordy flew just about everything from helicopters and jets to Civil Air Patrol aircraft. In the words of a fel-

low CAP member, “Gordy was a pilot’s pilot.”

Gordy will be sorely missed by those of us who knew him, and those of us who flew with him on many missions, and those of us who spent many a night with him on some dark mountain guarding a crash.

CAP, West Virginia Wing, and Clarksburg Squadron have lost a true friend and companion.

Rest in Peace, Gordy.



National EAA recognizes West Virginia Wing during annual air show

By Lt John Carr
Public Affairs Officer
Clarksburg Composite Sqdn

The West Virginia Wing received special recognition by the National Experimental Aircraft Association at the recent Oshkosh Airshow held in Oshkosh, WI.

This recognition was associated with a special performance made by the Beach Boys. Cadets and Seniors from the

Clarksburg and Morgantown Squadrons were among the over 2000 people who attended the concert.

After the performance the cadets seeing the need took it upon themselves to organize into groups and aid with the clean up of the area.

The EAA staff present noticed this, and after the clean up the staff members approached the cadets and personally thanked

them for the help.

The next day this picture as well as a thank you was published in the daily paper. 18 cadets and nine seniors were from Clarksburg.

Four cadets and one senior were from Morgantown, and one cadet and two seniors from other units in the Wing attended the week-long trip. The group also toured the USAF Museum in Dayton, OH

Pictured front row from L-R are Cadet 2nd Lt Joleen Dawson; Cadet Airman Sean Alvarez; Cadet MSgt Lincoln Sklar; Cadet SAmn Lila Long; and Cadet 1st Lt Robert Long.

Back Row L-R 1st Lt Kathleen Dawson; SM Cassandra Trudgeon; Cadet SSgt Joshua Bosley; Cadet CMsgt Joel Ridgeway, and Cadet Amn Danny Dawson



Wing very busy during national and regional summer activities

**By Major Jeffery Schrock
Wing Public Affairs Officer**

The West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol has kept itself busy over the summer months with a range of national and region activities that our members have attended to enhance their knowledge of the three missions of Civil Air Patrol. The missions are: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, and Emergency Services. Cadet 1st Lt Jeffrey Winemiller, of the Greenbrier Composite

Squadron, attended Civil Air Patrol's National Flight Academy in Fort Pickett, Va. During this nine-day activity, Winemiller received his solo certification from flight instructor Col Gene Hartman. Hartman is a former Middle East Region CAP Commander.

Participants of the National Flight Academy spend about 10 hours behind the yoke learning the basics of flying a powered aircraft. Students complete about 25 hours of ground instruction, and put it to use during addi-

tional hours flying as an observer. All cadets receive real flight time in a Cessna 172. Many graduates of the academy continue training for their FAA private pilot license.

Cadet Winemiller is the first West Virginia Wing cadet to solo from the National Flight Academy.

Cadet 1st Lt Christopher Hackett from the Morgantown Composite Squadron recently attended CAP's Na-

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Charleston Cadet Courtney Ropp demonstrating universal precautions during a mock exercise. Ropp was one of several cadets who attended the National Emergency Services Academy conducted by Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force, and industry experts at Camp Atterbury, In. Photo by NES



Cadet Wood of Charleston Cadet Squadron and Don Smith of Mid Valley Squadron make final checks before takeoff. Wood was one of several cadets participating in Cadet O-Rides held at the Ona Air Park. Charleston Cadets also participating were: Brandy Southall, Nathaniel Hall. From Mid Valley: Cadets Fletcher and Joshua Johnson. Charleston Cadets Michael Justice and Andrew Bird also completed final tasking in the Flight Line Marshaling Specialty. Photo by Vicky Bond — Charleston Cadet Squadron



Charleston Cadet Michael Justice refuels an aircraft.

-ional Flight Academy. Cadet 1st Lt Christopher Hackett from the Morgantown Composite Squadron recently attended CAP's National Blue Beret which was during the Experimental Aircraft Association's annual fly-in at Oshkosh, WI.

In addition, 30 cadets from Clarksburg and Morgantown Squadrons also attended the EAA's annual fly-in.

One of CAP's premier national activities, National Blue Beret offers the chance for cadets to work during the event, and learn aircraft marshaling and direction finding techniques. Lt Hackett will be continuing his education this fall as he enters The Citadel. The Citadel's mission is to educate and prepare graduates to become principled leaders in all walks of life by instilling the core values of The Citadel in a challenging intellectual environment.

Cadet 1st Lt Joseph Moss, also of Morgantown Composite Squadron graduated from the Middle East Region CAP's Cadet Leadership School, which was held at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, NC.

Lt Moss, also a graduate of West Virginia Wing's Cadet Leadership Course, has further enhanced his leadership training by attending this activity. This activity also fulfills on the requirements toward earning his Eaker Award.

Five members from the Charleston Cadet Squadron, SFO James Sizemore and Cadets Michael Justice, Andrew Bird, Courtney Ropp, and Nicole Osborne graduated from NESA's Ground Search and Rescue Basic Course. NESA is a joint venture between Operations and Cadet Programs that gives hundreds of members the opportunity to become qualified in emergency services.

This course is conducted by CAP, the U.S. Air Force and industry experts at Camp Atterbury, In., 35 miles south of Indianapolis.

CAP, U.S. Air Force, and industry experts teach members the latest search-and-rescue techniques. Students sleep in tents and participate in survival exercises.

The GSAR Basic is a great way to get qualified in ground team emergency services.

This is an intensive combination of classroom and field training using the latest in curriculum and standards. Those completing the course successfully will be eligible for their CAPF 101 ground team qualification and ground team badge.

Additionally, four cadets from Charleston Cadet Squadron, David Bond, Camichelle Spencer, Courtney Ropp and Nicole Osborne completed the Ground Search and Rescue's Advanced Course qualifying them as ground team leader trainees.

This course allowed these cadets to participate in physically demanding activities including some overnights in the field, search operations, and other such activities in order for them to serve the Emergency Services mission more proficiently.

1st Lt. Thomas Plass and Capt. Robert Cook of the Beckley Composite Squadron, completed the Incident Command System Training Course at Camp Atterbury in Edinburgh, In.

Parkersburg Composite Squadron visits U.S. Air Force Museum

By Dick Lowe
Parkersburg Composite Sqdn

Cadets and Seniors from Parkersburg Composite Squadron traveled to the United States Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio on September 26.

Even though a number of the members have previously visited the museum, they find that there

is always something new to be seen.

The trip is a four and half-hour drive, with an added break.

Members were also allowed to drive on to the base, and visit the Presidential Hangar on the back side of the field. A mind for safety was paramount, and the trip was without incident. A great time was had by all.



91 cadets attend summer encampment

By Major Jeffery Schrock
Wing Public Affairs Officer

West Virginia Wing completed another highly successful summer encampment program for our cadets. 91 cadets, with 10 senior officers assisting, successfully completed the 2006 Cadet Encampment which was held July 8-15, at the state's training facility for the National Guard at Camp Dawson, W.Va. According to the Encampment Commander Lt. Col Dennis Barron, the cadets certainly seemed to have a great time at the encampment, and were able to come away from the activity with lots of new experiences and many new friends.

"The encampment was incident and accident free," said Barron. "There were no injuries or illnesses to the cadets despite high temperatures, and very high humidity throughout the

week."

During the week, cadets were able to fly in a Huey Helicopter, conquer the grueling confidence course, experience live weapons fire, and drive a golf cart through a treacherous obstacle course while wearing Fatal Vision goggles!

Prestigious awards were made during the graduation ceremonies at the encampment.

The Outstanding Cadet of the Encampment was AMN Alexander T. Johnson of the Mid Valley Squadron; The Outstanding Cadet Officer was 1Lt E. Andrew Hume of the Martinsburg Squadron; Distinguished Graduates of the Encampment were SMSgt Beth L. Deem, Parkersburg Squadron; SSgt Bryant G. Garland, Morgantown Squadron; AMN Justin R. Fletcher, Mid Valley Squadron; AMN Jeremy A. Corbitt, Parkersburg Squadron.

CMSgt Timothy J. Graley of

the Mid Valley Squadron was the Outstanding NCO of the Encampment, while AMN Jonathan Ro of the Clarksburg Squadron was selected as the Most Improved Cadet.

SSgt Jonathan Browne, of the Martinsburg Squadron, won the Individual Drill Competition and "Echo Flight" won the award for the Honor Flight of the Encampment, commanded by 1Lt E. Andrew Hume.

Barron said the West Virginia Wing can be very proud of its cadet cadre. "All of the cadets who attended this year's encampment should be praised and recognized for their outstanding work and achievement in completing the 2006 Summer Encampment," Barron said.

"My most sincere congratulations go to all of the cadets and my thanks and heart felt appreciation go to all the senior staff who assisted with the encampment."

"All of the cadets who attended this year's encampment should be praised and recognized for their outstanding work and achievement in completing the 2006 Summer Encampment," said Lt Col Dennis Barron, Encampment Commander.

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Major Williams honored as Mercer County Squadron's oldest active member

By Major Jim Coiner
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At age 83 Maj Larry C. Williams is Mercer County Composite Squadron's oldest and probably the most enthusiastic member. Like many CAP members he has had a wealth of experience that makes him a valuable asset to our organization. His background in both military and civil aviation, along with radio and television engineering experience, is quite impressive. Laurence C. Williams, or Larry as his friends call him, was born and reared in a house on North 9th street in Princeton, WV. He graduated from Princeton High School in 1941. Young Larry was participating in football scrimmage at Concord College when World War II started with a bang! He decided then to join the Army Air Corp and become a pilot. He soon learned that two years of college were required to become an Army aviation cadet. Williams then joined the Navy with the understanding that he would have an opportunity to apply to become a Navy enlisted pilot after his basic and technical training was completed. The Navy kept their promise and after basic training, radio, radar and gunnery school he was sent to one of the Navy's basic flying schools at Chapel Hill, NC

late in 1943. However, Williams related that one day a navy official came into his class and announced there had been a 10% cutback in the number of needed cadets throughout all Navy-flying schools. It was decided that the first person and the last person on the class roster in each class would have to leave. Since Larry's last name is Williams he had to leave flying school! Although at first Williams was disappointed, he was soon assigned as an air crewmember to the VP 216 Squadron that was heading for the war zones of the South Pacific. So, a crew of young "boys" whose pilot was only 22 years old flew their giant Navy Martin Mariner PBM patrol bomber to California, Hawaii, and then on to their assigned missions in the South Pacific. They all learned a lot about flying, navigation, weather, and systems just getting to the Pacific! Larry was an enthusiastic radio and radar operator with occasional duties as gunner. He spent the duration of the war frequently flying 12-14 hour combat patrol missions, principally looking for and trying to destroy Japanese submarines. Although they were hit by enemy fire on several occasions, luckily their plane was never severely damaged or shot down. He was promoted to Chief Petty Officer, working principally as a radio and radar air crewmember on

PBMs before he was discharged from the Navy in 1946.

In 1946 Williams enrolled at the Spartan School of Aeronautics, which was associated with Tulsa University. For three years he majored in electronic communications engineering at the Oklahoma school. By this time he was married and in 1950 he left school early to return with his family to West Virginia. Soon he became a member of the West Virginia State Police as a communications engineer. Williams proceeded to largely set up the two-way radio communications system for the State Troopers who patrolled the recently constructed WV Turnpike.

In 1955 he and his family moved to Camden, NJ where he helped accomplish the same task for the New Jersey Turnpike. He also finished his four-year degree in Philadelphia, and later became a TV broadcast engineer for RCA. He had many interesting assignments with RCA principally setting up color TV broadcast equipment in such places as Paris, France, Burbank, California and New York City. He became personally acquainted with several TV celebrities of the time.

During this time in New Jersey he finally had the opportunity to learn to fly and earned a commercial pilot rating. He owned a "tri-tail"

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pilot rating. He owned a “tri-tail” Bellanca and had partnerships in a Cessna 150, 172, 182 and Cherokee 235. In the late 1990s he retired and moved back to Princeton, W.Va, and joined the Civil Air Patrol.

He now lives in the same house where he was born on North 9th Avenue. Maj Williams has served with distinction as the Communications Officer for the Mercer

County Composite squadron for many years. He has also been a Mission Pilot until a recent heart attack.

He has recovered quite well and is still active as a Mission Observer and a Scanner. Maj Williams is one of the most-liked and most-respected members of the squadron who almost never misses a meeting or CAP training event.

He is always willing to take

on any task on short notice.

On most any evening one can find Larry at home flying a PBM or a floatplane on his trusty flight simulator.

His sons and grandchildren enjoy visiting Larry at their ancestral home in Princeton. Our organization is lucky to have members like Maj Williams who use their experience and sense of duty for the benefit the CAP.

Martinsburg Squadron visit nation's capitol during cadet week

**By Lt Russell Voelker
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Martinsburg Composite Sqdn**

Eight cadets and one senior from the Martinsburg Composite Squadron, and two recruiters from the West Virginia National Guard's 167th Airlift Wing out of Martinsburg, W.Va, took time to pay respect at the Tomb of the Unknowns during a stop at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC on August 19.

Before arriving at the cemetery, the group toured Andrews

Air Force Base, MD which was highlighted by a tour of the District of Columbia Air National Guard F-16 Fighter Maintenance Facility.

This was the second part of a belated 2006 Civil Air Patrol Cadet Week Activity sponsored by the 167th Airlift Wing.

The squadron would like to extend its sincere appreciation to Capt Melissa Shade, MSGT's Bob Hall, Dan Jenkins, and Scott for their assistance and support.



Left - Right Back Row: Cadet's Larue Tabler, Nick Keefe, Alex Keefe, David Hill, Andrew Hume, Mark Guiney, Andrew Mitchell, and Chris Ryan. Middle Row: Lt Russell Voelker. Front Row: MSgt Jenkins and Scott.

Awards/Milestones

General Billy Mitchell Award

Carolyn Perruci —Parkersburg Composite Squadron; Joel Galford — Greenbrier Composite Squadron; Timothy Graley – Mid Valley Composite Squadron

Wright Brother's Award

Tyler Lewis and Ryan Thomas — Parkersburg Composite Squadron; Robert Dilley and Brian Kruchkow — Beckley Composite Squadron; Joshua Wilbert and Christopher Frey — Martinsburg Composite Squadron